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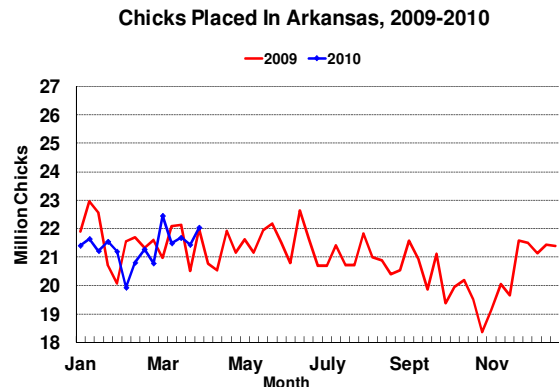
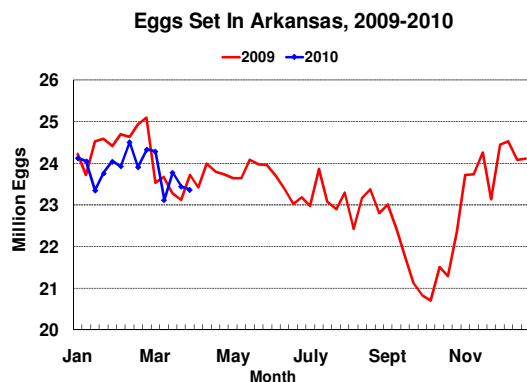


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up Slightly from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.0 million during the week ending April 3, 2010. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2009 and up 3 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 3, 2010, down 2 percent from the same period last year and down slightly from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 6, 2010 - April 3, 2010

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	30,017	29,652 *	30,564	30,325	29,344	20,883	21,449	20,750	20,850	20,504
Arkansas	24,284	23,115 *	23,778	23,437	23,360	22,446	21,477	21,677	21,428	22,035
Delaware	3,193	3,782	3,615	3,709	3,640	3,625	4,581	4,994	4,391	4,529
Florida	1,338	1,303	1,316	1,343	1,350	1,037	1,030	1,029	1,096	997
Georgia	31,745	31,691	31,701	31,500	31,094	25,847	25,946	26,433	27,287	26,235
Kentucky	7,822	7,868 *	7,995	7,708	7,784	6,033	6,450	5,983 *	6,256	6,837
Louisiana	3,470	3,440	3,500	3,470	3,379	3,032	3,021	3,043	3,059	3,023
Maryland	9,062	8,856	9,141	9,089	9,121	6,589	6,115	6,069	6,223	6,395
Mississippi	19,349	19,156	19,503	19,405	19,204	17,174	16,809	16,891	16,766	16,463
N. Carolina	18,790	18,767 *	18,559	18,743	18,654	15,299	15,790	15,610	15,853	15,705
Oklahoma	6,623	6,866 *	7,224	7,137 *	6,888	3,172	4,658	4,286	4,347	3,290
Pennsylvania	3,692	3,839	3,743	3,791 *	3,777	2,854	3,023	2,993	2,943 *	2,961
S. Carolina	5,643	5,640	6,048	5,990	5,735	5,156	4,841	4,810	4,114	4,775
Texas	15,448	15,566	15,541	14,758	15,564	13,249	13,376	13,204	12,821	12,965
Virginia	6,549	6,543	6,412	6,178	6,466	5,751	5,212	5,052	5,328	5,316
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,435	19,502	19,134	18,782 *	18,962	16,893	16,389	17,105	16,421 *	16,721
19 State Total	206,460	205,586 *	207,774	205,365 *	204,322	169,040	170,167	169,929 *	169,183 *	168,751
Prev. Year Total	202,111	203,072	200,382	199,817	203,634	167,577	169,505	170,633	167,014	168,980
% of Prev. Year	102	101	104	103	100	101	100	100	101	100

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 3, 2010. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 3, 2010. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through April 3, 2010 were 2.17 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.